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2d JANUARY, 1805.

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Read the first and second time, committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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*IN addition to "An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds, received in the actual service of the United States, during the revolutionary war."*

1     **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representatives  
2     of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That  
3     the provisions of the act, approved on the ~~third~~ of March, one  
4     thousand eight hundred and three, entitled "An act to make pro-  
5     vision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds re-  
6     ceived in the actual service of the United States, during the  
7     revolutionary war," shall be construed to extend to, and include  
8     all persons disabled in consequence of known wounds received  
9     while in the line of duty, in actual service, under the authority  
10    of the United States, or a particular state, during the revolution-

11 ary war with Great Britain; whether they served as volunteers  
 12 under any authorised officer, or belonged to the militia, or the  
 13 forces raised by the United States, or a particular state. And  
 14 such persons shall be placed on the pension list accordingly, al-  
 15 though, in consequence\* of their disability, they either resigned  
 16 their commissions or took discharges, or did not renew their en-  
 17 listment, or, if the militia or volunteers did not return into ser-  
 18 vice. The provisions aforesaid shall likewise be construed to ex-  
 19 tend to and include all those who, after incurring such disability,  
 20 were taken by the enemy, and remained in captivity or on pa-  
 21 role until the close of the war, and also all those who, in conse-  
 22 quence of wounds so received at any time during the war, have  
 23 since that period, become disabled in such manner as to prevent  
 24 them from obtaining a livelihood by labor: *Provided*, That the  
 25 several descriptions of persons herein mentioned shall in all  
 26 other respects conform to the requirements of the act to which  
 27 this is an addition.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That an increase of pen-  
 2 sion may be allowed to persons already placed on the list of in-  
 3 valid pensioners of the United States, in cases of disability  
 4 caused by known wounds received while in the line of duty, as  
 5 aforesaid, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain.  
 6 Every invalid making application for this purpose shall be ex-  
 7 amined by two reputable physicians or surgeons, to be authorised  
 8 by commission from the Judge of the district, who shall report

9 in writing, upon oath or affirmation, the result of such examina-  
10 tion, with their opinion of the nature of the applicant's disability,  
11 and in what degree it prevents him from obtaining a livelihood  
12 by labor. A transcript of the report shall be given to the ap-  
13 plicant; and the report shall be transmitted to the Secretary for  
14 the department of War, that the same may be examined, and  
15 compared with documents in his office. And such increase of  
16 pension as shall thereupon appear to be proper, may be allow-  
17 ed to the applicant: *Provided*, That the whole amount allow-  
18 ed to an invalid shall not, in any case, exceed a full pension.